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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY PORTER'S OCT 3 MEETING WITH
PORTUGUESE FONMIN PATRICIO

1. CONVERSATION WAS MOSTLY ABOUT PORTUGUESE GUINEA, WITH
AZORES NEGOTIATIONS ALSO DISCUSSED BRIEFLY.

2. UPPERMOST IN PATRICIO'S MIND WAS FEAR THAT PAIGC'S
QTE SO-CALLED PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE UNQTE WOULD
GENERATE MASSIVE SUPPORT IN UN. HIS THESIS WAS THAT
PAIGC TERRORISM WAS HAVING LESS AND LESS SUCCESS IN
PORTUGUESE GUINEA AND THAT INDEPENDENCE PROCLAMATION
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WAS SIMPLY A MANEUVER TO TRY A DIFFERENT, POLITICAL, TACK.

HE ASKED FOR US SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY IF GUINEA BISSAU SHOULD COME UP IN SECURITY COUNCIL.

3. AMB PORTER SAID THAT IN SITUATIONS LIKE PAIGC'S PROCLAMATION, US APPLIED CERTAIN BASIC CRITERIA, EG., ACTUAL CONTROL OVER POPULATION AND TERRITORY THAT THE GROUP CLAIMED TO REPRESENT. IN THIS CASE SUCH CONTROL WAS OBVIOUSLY LACKING. WE WOULD WATCH SITUATION DEVELOP FROM PERSPECTIVE OF TRADITIONAL US POLICY AND WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH GOP.

4. ON AZORES NEGOTIATIONS PATRICIO VOICED WELL-KNOWN PORTUGUESE COMPLAINTS THAT 1971 AGREEMENT WAS NOT SATISFACTORY AND HAD NEVER BEEN IMPLEMENTED. HE STRESSED

THAT WHAT GOP HAD WANTED WAS QTE EQUIPMENT UNQTE BUT WHAT IT HAD BEEN OFFERED WAS EITHER USELESS OR NOT IN GOOD CONDITION. AMB PORTER MENTIONED INCREASED SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE ATLANTIC AND STRESSED SIGNIFICANCE OF AZORES FOR ALLIANCE IN GENERAL. HE SAID IMPORTANCE OF LAJES WAS NO LONGER AS TRANSIT POINT BUT AS ASW BASE.

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